

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Does the phrase here, Mr. Delegate Penniman, mean public general law?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: The phrase here has the same meaning as public general law. That is correct.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the approval of the amendments proposed by the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement with respect to Committee Recommendation GP-4.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendments. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 114 votes in the affirmative and 3 in the negative, the motion carries. The amendments proposed by the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement are adopted.

The question now arises on the approval of Committee Recommendation GP-4 as amended. The Chair has received one amendment.

Delegate Freedlander, do you desire to submit your amendment?

DELEGATE FREEDLANDER: Yes, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pages will please distribute the amendment, Amendment A.

This will be Amendment No. 1. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 1 to Committee Recommendation GP-4, as amended by Report S&D-5, by Delegate Freedlander:

On page 1 of the report strike out all of section , Consumer Protection, comprising lines 3 through 8, inclusive.

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment is proposed by Delegate Freedlander.

Is there a second?

Delegate Freedlander, as the Chair understands the amendment, it is to strike the entire recommendation. I do not think that is in order. You can accomplish the same purpose in one of two ways: either by motion for indefinite postponement, or what would be simpler and accomplish the same purpose, a vote opposing approval or adoption of the Committee Recommendation.

The amendment is not necessary to accomplish your purpose, if the Chair understands your purpose.

DELEGATE FREEDLANDER: Thank you very much.

I will choose the second method you mentioned.

THE PRESIDENT: Very well.

Amendment No. 1 is scratched. It has not yet been offered.

Delegate Hostetter.

DELEGATE HOSTETTER: Mr. President, a point of parliamentary inquiry. Since the amendment is scratched, that eliminates all discussion and debate. Is that correct?

THE PRESIDENT: It does not. The question now arises on the adoption of the Committee Recommendation as amended. That is debatable. The Chair would intend to recognize Delegate Freedlander. It is subject to full debate, in accordance with the policy heretofore announced.

DELEGATE HOSTETTER: Thank you, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: The question now arises on the adoption of Committee Recommendation GP-4 as amended.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Freedlander.

DELEGATE FREEDLANDER: Mr. President and fellow delegates:

It is not my intention to delay the discussions of this evening nor to prolong the discussions; nor am I against consumer protection.

I am very much in favor of consumer protection. It is precisely for that reason that I rise, because I am in favor of the General Assembly providing by law for the protection and education of the citizens of the State against harmful and unfair business practices.

Shortly after the conclusion of our debates on this topic I received in the mail the attorney general's digest, which I have